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REF: (A) STATE 210312; (B) USIA 24127

A. CONSULATE GENERAL

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED THE RELOCATION OF THE JOHANNESBURG CONSULATE GENERAL TO THE KINE BUILDING. CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE PREMISES WILL BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH AN ANTICIPATED MOVE-IN DATE OF 1 MARCH 1976. CONSRUCTION AND OFFICE LAYOUT WILL BE TO USG SPECIFICATIONS. PRELIMINARY SECURITY SURVEYS OF THE NEW OB AS WELL AS CONTINUAL SECURITY MONITORING AND ASSISTANCE OF BUILDING PLANNING AND EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION, ASSURE THAT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF STATE 210312 WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AT ALL TIMES.

2. COST ESTIMATES FOR THE NEW OB ARE BEING FINALIZED AT THE PRESENT TIME. THOSE COSTS PERTAINING TO SECURITY WILL BE BROKEN OUT ASAP AND APPROPRIATE ITEMS WILL BE APPLIED TO STATE 210312 FOR FUNDING PURPOSES.
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3. AS A GENERAL STATEMENT, THE NEW CG WILL OCCUPY A PORTION OF THE 11TH FLOOR OF THE KINE BUILDING. ACCESS INTO CG PREMISES FROM THE 10TH AND 12TH FLOORS IS CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. SECURITY GRILLS WILL PREVENT LATERAL OUTSIDE ACCESS TO CG PREMISES VIA OUTSIDE LEDGES. A TRUE VAULT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE INSIDE PREMISES OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO SATISFY PRESENT AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. ALL CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS AND SUB-STANTIVE OFFICES WILL BE SEGREGATED FROM THE MORE PUBLIC AND UNCLASSIFIED OPERATIONS BY SOLID BRICK WALLS AND DOORS WITH APPRO-PRIATE SECURITY HARDWARE. THE PUBLIC WILL ENTER THE CG VIA A SINGLE ENTRANCE INTO A WAITING AREA WHERE THEY WILL BE SCREENED BY RECEPTIONISTS WHO WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND A SOLID COUNTER IN-ACCESSIBLE FROM THE WAITING ROOM. THE COUNTER WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ARMOR PLATE BEHIND SUFFICIENT MATERIALS TO MAKE THE PLATE BALLISTICALLY EFFECTIVE. THE GLASS PORTIONS ABOVE THE COUNTER, EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL SMALL "WORK" WINDOWS, WILL BE SAFETY GLASS BACKED UP BY LEXAN. THERE WILL BE TWO DOORS LEADING FROM THE PUBLIC WAITING ROOM INTO INTERIOR CG PREMISES. THESE DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES, EQUIPPED WITH CYPHER LOCKS FOR EMPLOYEES, AND CONTROLLED BY REMOTE BUZZER FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER FOR VISITORS. THE DOORS FROM THE WAITING ROOM WILL ALSO BE QUIPPED WITH EATON ELECTRIC LOCKS REMOTELY CONTROLLED FROM THE PROTECTED RECEPTION COUNTER SO THAT THE DOORS CAN BE REMOTELY SECURED AGAINST ANY USE IN EMERGENCIES. A REMOTE ALARM BUZZER FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER TO SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED CG AREA WILL BE INSTALLED.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN WITH THE ABOVE PHYSICAL SECURITY PROTECTION, THE PUBLIC/UNCLASSIFIED AREAS OF THE NEW CG MUST BE CONSIDERED VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ACTS. WITHOUT AN ARMED MARINE SECURITY GUARD ON THE PREMISES (NOT RECOMMENDED AT PRESENT TIME DUE TO RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF CG CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS AND PRESENT LOW EVALUATED "THREAT" IN S.A.) AND WITHOUT PHYSICAL SEARCH PROCEDURES SUCH AS UTILIZED IN AIRPORTS, VISITORS TO THE COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR SECTIONS (WHICH REGULARLY RECEIVE VISITORS WHO ARE NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN) WOULD, BY OPERATIONAL NECESSITY, BE ADMITTED AFTER INITIAL SCREENING BY RECEPTIONISTS TO INTERIOR PREMISES WHERE THEY COULD THEN REVEAL THEMSELVES AS TERRORISTS. RSO AND CONSUL GENERAL CONCUR IN THESE ASSESSMENTS.

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1. SECURITY RECOMMENDATION (AS PER STATE 181740 AND USIA 7531 1974, AND RSO/PRETORIA MEMO TO CHIEF/SY/FO/ DATED 24 OCTOBER 1974) HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY USIA AND ARE BEING COMPLETED AT THE PRESENT TIME. THESE IMPLEMENTED RECOMMENDAIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE RECENT SECURITY SURVEY OF THE USIS FACILITY (PRETORIA'S A-130 DATED 25 AUGUST 1974) WILL IMPROVE

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PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE FACILITY WITH RESPECT TO BURGLARIES, BREAK-INS, AND SAFETY OF THE INSIDE OCCUPANTS AGAINST MOBS AND CROWDS. HOWEVER, THE FACILITY IS AND MUST BE CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ACTS BY ITS BASIC NATURE AND FUNCTION WHICH REQUIRES IT TO REMAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC ACCESS. RSO, BPAO/JOHANNESBURG AND CPAO/PRETORIA CONCUR IN THESE ASSESSMENTS.
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